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## B.A.T. Manager Killed

Mukden, March 8.  
Song Chueh-sung, Manager of the British American Tobacco Company, was killed after a telephone conversation with a Japanese official, it was reported today.  
Song, whose home was visited by one British and eight American newspapers, was shot three times in the back by an unknown assassin on "Red Army Day," February 23, and died on March 3.  
The company's plant, which is turning over two-thirds of its production to the Russians without payment, is expected to close down in a few weeks for lack of supplies.—Associated Press.

## Chinese Batteries Hit French Cruiser

SAIGON, MAR. 8.  
CHINESE ARTILLERYMEN WHO OPENED FIRE ON A FRENCH NAVAL AND TROOP FORCE OFF HAIPHONG HARBOUR ON WEDNESDAY KILLED AT LEAST 10 SOLDIERS AND SEVERELY DAMAGED THE FRENCH LIGHT CRUISER "TRIUMPHANT," THE FRENCH ANNOUNCED.  
THE INCIDENT OCCURRED WHEN FRENCH NAVAL UNITS ARRIVED WITH 20,000 TROOPS PREPARED TO TAKE OVER OCCUPATION OF NORTH-ERN INDO-CHINA FROM THE CHINESE.

The French high commissioner said the "Triumphant" was hit four times and two landing craft were set ablaze. Unconfirmed reports said the French landings finally were carried out at dawn on Thursday.

A French General Staff Communiqué said that conferences were under way between the French and Chinese commands at Haiphong.

A Government spokesman attributed the incident to "a misunderstanding" and demanded that Chiang Kai-shek permit the immediate landing of French occupation troops in the sector.

The communiqué said French warships, hearing the guns, opened counter fire on Wednesday after suffering "some losses" from Chinese artillery ashore.

Apparently the head Chinese Commander had not yet received the French ultimatum of the Franco-Chinese agreement signed at the Chinese capital whereby Chiang agreed to the replacement of the Chinese Garrison by French forces, the Paris Government spokesman said.

### MACARTHUR'S ORDERS

The Chinese at the scene of the incident, it was said, held that they were ordered to occupy the region by General Douglas MacArthur as Supreme Allied Commander, and hence could not leave their posts without his permission.  
In another connection, the Army Communiqué said "Admiral Thierry D'Argenceau has informed the Government that an agreement was signed on March 6 with the Annamese Government at Hanoi and that a Franco-Annamese Commission had proceeded immediately to Haiphong."

Two Franco-Annamese Commissions have been constituted and will proceed to Vinh and Dinh in Annam.

A Chinese report said that French troops were scheduled to land at Haiphong yesterday and formally take over garrison duties from Chinese troops on March 16. This understanding, it was stated, was reached between French and Chinese authorities after a conference on technicalities for the taking over.

The understanding provided that French troops would be allowed to land to-day and would accept billeting in areas designated by the Chinese authorities.—Associated Press.

### AGREEMENT SIGNED

SAIGON, MAR. 8.  
The French announced to-day the signing of an agreement with the so-called Viet Nam republic at Hanoi granting the Annamese Nationalist Government the status of a free state within the Indo-Chinese federation and French Union.

(The agreement, apparently means the Annamese Government is to have considerable local autonomy. An agreement reached with the Cambodian protectorate in south Indo-China last November was regarded as setting a pattern for a deal by the French in Indo-China. That agreement granted Cambodia internal autonomy but the French control its foreign affairs and defense.)

## WOMAN IN TEARS Witness Was Sentenced To Death Subjected To Water Torture

BREAKING INTO TEARS AS SHE RELATED HER STORY, A CHINESE WOMAN, CHUNG SUEI-HING, GAVE EVIDENCE AT THE CENTRAL SUMMARY MILITARY COURT YESTERDAY OF SHE WAS BEATEN, HUNG UP BY HER ARMS AND SUBJECTED TO THE WATER TORTURE, AFTER ARRESTED BY THE GENDARMERIE ON THE CHARGE OF HAVING ASSISTED A B.A.A.G. AGENT.  
WITNESS RELATED HOW SHE WAS SENTENCED TO DEATH BY DECAPITATION BY A JAPANESE COURT MARTIAL ON NOV. 26, 1944. BUT HAD HER SENTENCE SUBSEQUENTLY COMMUTED TO IMPRISONMENT FOR LIFE. WITNESS ALLEGED THAT AS FIRST ACCUSED, SO LEUNG, WAS GIVING HER THE WATER TORTURE. SHE BEGGED FOR MERCY AND HE HAD ALLEGEDLY REPLIED: I WILL GIVE YOU MORE AND WHEN YOU HAVE A CHANCE OF HAVING ME ARRESTED, YOU WINNING THE WAR YOU WILL SUB-JECT ME TO SIMILAR TREATMENT.

Accused in the case, So Leung and Tsui Kwok-ching, but former members of the Hong Kong Police, are charged with high treason. Committal proceedings are being heard by Mr. C. Y. Kwun. Mr. R. S. Smith is prosecuting and Mr. E. S. C. Brooks is appearing for both the accused.

The first witness was Han Yuen, 24, who related how he was arrested about 11 p.m. one night about July, 1943. In the arresting party were a Japanese Shok Chung Ding, the first accused, So Leung, and Yau Kwong.

He was then employed as a fitter at the Tai Kok Tsui Ship-building Yard and was residing at 727, Nathan Road. He was accused of being a spy for Chungking and was taken to the Mongkok Police Station. There he was shown a photograph of his elder brother and asked to identify it.

The following morning, he was given the water torture. The Japanese, Shok Chung Ding, So Leung and Yau Kwong took part in this. He could not stand the torture, witness said, and confessed to conveying intelligence to his elder brother while disguised as a travelling trader.

FINGER HAMMERED  
The following day he was interrogated again and pressed for further details of the work. When he said that he had made a false confession the previous day, the first accused, So Leung, took hold of his wrist and hammered his fingers with a heavy hammer to the stage where he was unable to use them for many days.

He was returned to his cell and kept there about 15 days. After a time, the cell in which he was kept became congested by the large number of prisoners and a Japanese came in who interrogated everyone and asked him why he was there.

He told the Japanese he was being held as a smuggler and was told that he could go. He fled into the New Territories and thence into China, returning to the Colony in September last year.

WATER TORTURE  
The next witness was Sui Wai-man, 30, residing at 48, Tai-po Road, 2nd floor. In June, 1944, witness said, he was residing at 17, Poplar Street, 1st floor, Shamshui, when he was arrested by a Japanese called Shok Chuen and two other Japanese and two Chinese whose names he did not know.

He was taken to the Yau-mat Gendarmerie where he was put into Cell No. 2. He remained there a week, after which he was brought out for interrogation. There were five people in the room, including first accused who was sitting at a desk. He was asked if William Chang of the B.A.A.G. was his brother-in-law.

He admitted that this was so. So Leung then asked him about the letters he had written to William Chang, he had written to the newspapers he had sent him. He was beaten with a whip and then given the water torture. He was questioned three times.

### SECRET SERVICE

London, Mar. 8.  
Britain's secret service will cost £2,500,000 in the coming financial year—five times more than the figure put aside in 1939.  
During the war a token estimate of £100 was presented each year so the enemy would have no guide as to the extent of the work of the secret service.—Reuter.

## CHURCHILL SPEAKS AGAIN

RICHMOND, VA.,  
MARCH 8.

MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL IN HIS ADDRESS TO-DAY TO A JOINT SESSION OF THE VIRGINIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY HERE ECHOED HIS CONTROVERSIAL SPEECH AT FULTON, MISSOURI, BUT IN Milder WORDS.

He asked his audience: "Do you not think you are running some risk in inviting me to give you my faithful counsel, which might easily blunt out a lot of things that people know in their hearts are true—but are a bit shy of saying in public?"

With these words of caution, he declared: "In these last years of my life there is a message of which I conceive myself to be the bearer. It is very simple and can well be understood by the people of our countries. It is that we should stand together in malice to none, in greed for nothing but in defence of those causes which we hold dear, not only for our benefit but because we believe that they mean honour among men."

"We ought, as I said, to Congress of the United States, in the dark hour of 1931, to walk together in majesty at peace. That, I am sure, is the wish of the overwhelming majority of Britons and Americans. That this is our destiny or as most of us would put it, the will of God, seems sure and certain. How this is to be achieved, I cannot tell."

### PATH OF WISDOM

Referring to the statements that Britain might become a state of the American Union or that the United States might be asked to re-enter the British Empire, he said: "It seems to me and I dare say it seems to you that the path of wisdom lies somewhere between these two extremes. We must find some means and method of working together, not only in time of war and mortal struggle but in times of peace with all its bewilderment and clamour of tongues."  
Mr. Churchill said that wars were prevented in times of

## Incendiarism In Delhi

NEW DELHI, MAR. 8.  
SIX PERSONS WERE INJURED IN DELHI BY POLICE WHO WERE ATTEMPTING TO HALT A SPREADING WAVE OF DISORDERS AND INCENDIARISM ACCOMPANYING A GOVERNMENT SPONSORED ALLIED VICTORY WEEK PARADE.

The town hall in Delhi lay in ruins after the work of the incendiaries. Police were ordered to fire on anyone found destroying public property, as old Delhi was under curfew with processions or gatherings of more than five persons banned.

There were no incidents along the six-mile route of 15,000 troops parading in celebration of the Allied victory in the war. The marching column included 205 Americans, Victory Lord Wavell and Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten were in the reviewing stand.

The parade route was changed to prevent any easy ambush by stone throwers. Indian residents watched the parade in stony silence. There were no reports of any disorders in New Delhi.—Associated Press.

## INDONESIA TRUCE SOON?

Batavia, Mar. 8.  
Dr. Sutan Sjahrir said to-day that he expected the Indonesians would propose a truce in Java within a fortnight, the Netherlands News Agency reports.  
A proposal would be made to the British for them to arrange a general cease fire and complete cessation of all military movements during the talks between the Republicans and Dr. van Mook, Lieutenant-Governor-General of the East Indies.—Reuter.

## No Rice Ration For Newcomers

NEWCOMERS TO THE COLONY CAN NO LONGER LOOK FORWARD TO RICE RATIONS AT THE CONTROLLED PRICE. AT A PRESS CONFERENCE HELD YESTERDAY BY THE RICE CONTROLLER, MR. M. K. LO, IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT RICE TICKETS WILL, IN THE FUTURE, ONLY BE ISSUED IN EXCEPTIONAL CASES.

NEW APPLICANTS FOR THE RICE RATION WILL HAVE TO PROVE AT LEAST SEVEN YEARS' RESIDENCE IN THE COLONY PRIOR TO THE PACIFIC WAR, OR ALTERNATELY, EMPLOYMENT UNDER THE ADMINISTRATION OR IN AN ESSENTIAL SERVICE.

Intending newcomers are also warned that apart from the rice supplied by the Administration there have hitherto been very small supplies of "free-market" rice procurable at high prices, but that there is no probability of the continuance of such supplies.

The statement issued reads: Hong Kong depends for substantially the whole of its rice supply on allocations made to this Colony by the Combined

peace but warned his audience: "Peace will not be preserved without the virtues which make victory possible in war. Peace will not be preserved by pious sentiments expressed in terms of platitudes or by official graces and diplomatic correctness."

"It will not be preserved by casting aside in dangerous times the panoply of warlike strength. Great heart, must have his sword and armour to guard the pilgrims on their way. There must be earnest thoughts. There must also be faithful perseverance and foresight."

Above all, among English speaking persons there must be a union of hearts based upon conviction and common ideal. That is what I offer, that is what I seek.—Reuter.

## Union "On Our Terms"

London, March 8.  
Commenting on Mr. Churchill's speech at Fulton, Missouri, the "Chicago Tribune" says: — "Mr. Churchill proposes an alliance, half slave and half free, with the British Empire representing slavery. Americans would regard it as acceptance of enslavement and exploitation of millions of British subjects which they would be expected to approve and assist."  
"If the people of Britain honestly desire common citizenship with those of the United States, they must seek it on our terms and not on theirs. They must rid their empire of the caste system at home and slavery abroad."  
"In any alliance with England we have been called in the past to furnish 90 per cent. of the fighting power and 80 per cent. of the money."—Reuter.

## Soviets Want Base In Dodecanese

WASHINGTON, MAR. 8.  
THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR IN ATHENS, ADMIRAL RADIONOV, IN A TALK WITH THE GREEK PRIME MINISTER, M. SOPHOULIS, IS AUTHORITATIVELY REPORTED HERE TO HAVE OFFERED A SHIP OF GRAIN TO GREECE PROVIDED THE RUSSIAN MERCHANT MARINE SET UP ITS OWN BASE IN THE DODECANESE.

WASHINGTON SOURCES ASSERTED THAT SOPHOULIS SUMMARY REJECTED THE PROPOSITION BUT THERE IS SOME CONCERN LEST THE RUSSIANS NOW VIGOROUSLY PRESS THEIR DEMANDS FOR THE DODECANESE BASE.

The islands were Italian until Italy surrendered. They had been promised to Greece but are not actually under Greek control. However, this appeared to

## U-Boat Score

Washington, Mar. 8.  
The United States Navy Department and the British Admiralty announced jointly that the final score of Axis submarines sunk during the war was 980, of which 781 were German, 130 Japanese and 69 Italian.  
The British sank 524 and the United States 174 German subs. The British were credited with 94 Japanese submarines and the U.S. Navy with 110; the British 68 Italian and the U.S. four.

Others were credited to "unknown" causes.—Associated Press.

be a legal technicality as far as the Russians are concerned. The Dodecanese problem is part of the whole pattern of Soviet efforts to break through from the Black Sea to the Mediterranean.

Other parts of the pattern include Russian demands for bases on the Turkish shores of the Dardanelles and also a base which they thought to obtain under some sort of United Nations trusteeship at Tripoli. This would carry Russian influence into the heart of an area Britain has controlled for centuries.

### STRONG STAND

American policy has been to encourage the Turks to take a firm stand, in the defense of their own interests and try to make clear to them promises of American support in any just cause without giving them a blank cheque to provoke trouble with the Russians.

Actually the Turks have followed a strong line with the Russians and some diplomats here are less worried about Turkey than about Greece which is weakened by internal political dissensions before the March 31 elections.—Associated Press.

## King Gustav And Papen

Stockholm, March 8.

The Swedish Foreign Office last night acknowledged that King Gustav received a letter from the war crimes trial defendant Franz Von Papen in January, 1941, suggesting that the King attempt to mediate for peace, but he said that the suggestion was turned down.

In a communiqué following Von Papen's request at Nuremberg that King Gustav be questioned to prove that he tried to bring peace to Europe, the Foreign Office said that the King did not think mediation was possible at that time.

The letter was said to have been sent through the Swedish legation at Ankara, during the period when Von Papen was Ambassador to Turkey. Von Papen said that it had been written in 1940.—Associated Press.

### BELGIAN GOVERNMENT

Brussels, Mar. 8.  
Paul Henri Spak, former Foreign Minister and President of the United Nations, yesterday accepted a second offer from Prince Charles, Belgian Regent, to form a government.  
Spak admitted last week he was unable to form a government at that time.—Associated Press.

### THE WEATHER

To-day's forecast: — Overcast and drizzly with strong easterly winds.  
Yesterday's temperature: — Maximum: — 64 degrees at 4 p.m.  
Minimum: — 50 degrees at 8 a.m.



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## Rice Shortage

Government has been compelled to the course to which the continued influx of semi-refugees has been pointing for some time. In future, unless new applicants registering for rice rations can show that their presence in the Colony contributes to the community benefit, or that they were resident in the Colony for a period of seven years before the war, supplies from Government stocks cannot be made available to them. Since the liberation, Hong Kong has managed reasonably well, both in control and in distribution of its available food stocks. Elaborate devices to achieve fairness have, it is true, been outwitted in various ways by black market operators, but in the main, the programme has worked well. This is pre-eminently true of rice distribution since the registration decision earlier this year, so much so that we have reached the seemingly paradoxical stage where its very success threatens its destruction. Conditions in Hong Kong have inevitably received widespread publicity. Comparisons made with those existing in other parts of the Far East have been highly complimentary to Hong Kong. The tendency has been, in fact, to assume too much from surface appearances, with the result that the more comforting facts have frequently been over-stressed, sometimes grotesquely exaggerated. To present this place, as one correspondent did, as a Colony "overflowing with milk and honey and everything else" was nothing more than an absurd travesty. The trouble is that these "Tom Tiddler's Ground" stories gain currency quicker than their reputation, and in the result the population has increased by half a million since November last year and there has been no indication of a slackening of the pressure. (The Colony has always been magnet enough. In these anxious times in history, the movement from the surrounding territories has assumed such proportions as to strain the Colony's food resources beyond the point which they can reasonably be expected to stretch. Sufficient warning of the hard facts of the rice situation was given less than a month ago when a drastic cut in the ration was found to be unavoidable. That in itself has meant hardship to a large section of the population, despite the substitution of flour. But it has not stopped more and more people from pouring in, seeking a share of a rice allocation which Government is at its wit's end to eke out. Quite plainly, a halt had to be called sooner or later, and if there be justifiable complaint against Government's announcement made yesterday afternoon, it is that it was not made sooner. The proposition can be stated in very simple terms. It is whether we are to try and maintain the existing population on the present finely-cut margin (and that will be problem enough), or allow sheer weight of numbers to create conditions under which all will starve. The answer should not require elaboration.

## CHAUFFEUR CAUTIONED

Man Law, chauffeur to Mr. B. C. K. Hawkins, Secretary for Chinese Affairs, was cautioned by Mr. A. J. Arculli at the Summary Court yesterday for having made use of Mr. Hawkins' car, No. 228, without permission. Mr. Hawkins said "Man had proved a good driver" and he would have given permission if defendant had asked for it. It was defendant's usual practice, he said, to use the car to go home for his lunch hour. Entering a formal verdict of guilty, Mr. Arculli cautioned that as the offence was not asking for permission, he would, just caution, defendant.

## CANTON RICE RACKET

Canton, March 8. The Kwangtung Farming and Foodstuffs Administration is considering every possible means of preventing manipulation in the prices of flour and rice received from the Ministry of Food in Canton. A meeting of local rice dealers was called by the Administration on March 2, but though the meeting was held, no results have been reported so far. The Union of Rice Dealers suggested that the rice, almost all of which came from Wafu, be stored after equal distribution among the local rice shops and to be sold only when the price of rice is lowered and fixed by the Government. The simultaneous selling of Government rice at fixed price, is expected to stop the black marketeering of rice hoarders. Local Authorities have ordered close supervision of long distance telephone calls and telegrams which daily report quotations on all foodstuffs. A meeting is expected to be called by the Social Affairs Department of the Kwangtung Provincial Government with representatives of all the organisations concerned. The meeting will be held for discussion of the scheme to improve of another credit loan of HK\$5,000,000 recently granted by the Central Government, in addition to the \$80,000,000 allocated and received some time ago. The area needing this loan the most appears to be Hainan Island, although other areas liberated from the Japanese are in dire need. Associated Press.

## PRESS INDIGNANT

Editorials of almost all newspapers in Canton are indignantly voicing disgusted indignation and demands for action, on two main points: firstly, the ever present rice shortage and secondly, the hand grenade incident of March 4 in which 20 were injured and three killed. It is hoped, but not too optimistically, that the many meetings held in Canton by the Government officials in the last few days, may prove successful in the solving of the problems confronting the population in the requirement of sufficient food.

As for the bombing incident, second of its kind within three weeks, the Military Police and Civil Police are carrying out investigations. Associated Press.

## Rice Ticket "Mortgage"

A woman, Chan Yee, finding herself in financial distress and failing to raise security for a loan, "mortgaged" her rice ticket to another woman for a loan. Remorse, apparently, struck Chan, as she found herself being unable to draw rice without the ticket. Determined, however, to replace her loss somehow, she went to the police station and reported the ticket, made out in the name of Shek Li-hon, as having been lost. The police investigated and the Wing Cheung Rice Shop, which issued the ticket, was requested to inform the police should any person attempt to draw rice on that particular ticket. On the following day another "lost" ticket at the shop and was promptly escorted to the station where she indignantly denied having illegally acquired the ticket. The ticket, she said, was given her husband as security from Chan for a loan of \$11.50. Chan was called to the station where she admitted that her story was false.

Before Mr. A. J. Arculli yesterday at the Summary Military Court she pleaded guilty to the offence of giving false information to the Police and was sentenced to four weeks' imprisonment.

## COCKTAIL PARTY

Among the guests at the Commander-in-Chief's cocktail party in Government House last night was Sir Robert Kotewall, C.M.G., LL.D., making his first public appearance after a prolonged period of ill-health. His many friends at the party congratulated him on his recovery. Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Lo, General S. K. Yee, Col. W. M. Thomson, Brigadier Fellows, Mr. George D. Hopper, and Miss Kotewall were among the other guests present.

## KENNEDY FORCE ENTERTAINS

Over 150 children from Rosary Hill were entertained to tea and community singing by the Royal Marines and Seamen of Kennedy Force at the General Police Station yesterday afternoon.

## Stranded Passengers Arrive From Hainan

THE 28 PASSENGERS WHO WERE STRANDED FOR THREE NIGHTS IN SAMBA BAY, HAINAN, WERE BROUGHT INTO HONG KONG YESTERDAY IN A ROYAL NAVAL SLOOP, H.M.S. CRANE, AFTER A SOMEWHAT ROUGH PASSAGE.

LEAVING SINGAPORE LAST MONDAY IN TWO FLYING BOATS OF NO. 209 SQUADRON, KAI TAK, WEATHER CONDITIONS BECAME SO BAD 100 MILES OUT THAT THE AIRCRAFT WERE FORCED DOWN, THE ONLY AVAILABLE LANDING BEING IN SAMBA BAY.

One of the pilots said: "We found the local authorities very co-operative and the Navy gave us every possible help. The passengers, too, were splendid and no one was in the least perturbed."

Passengers slept on board the aircraft and passed the time playing cards, reading and swimming until fresh supplies of petrol could be obtained to enable the flying boats to take off.

A food forage party, headed by Section Officer E. H. Hinchcliff, W.A.A.F., who has been appointed Catering Officer to the R.A.F. Hospital, Hong Kong, was taken ashore in sampans and brought back eggs, bananas and sweet potatoes. Three meals a day were provided, which passengers, including a Lieut. Colonel, helped to cook. An orderly officer appointed to inspect meals, heard no complaints.

When a Sunderland arrived from Kai Tak with tanks of fuel, passengers formed a human chain to bring the petrol on board.

## BACK FIRST

H.M.S. Crane came to the rescue on Thursday and took off all passengers and freight, leaving for Hong Kong at 5 p.m. The Sunderlands, however, which did not take off until the following morning, arrived back some 15 hours ahead of the Naval sloop. The passengers are most grateful for the warm hospitality offered them by the Navy.

Passengers included Squadron Officer M.B. Kay, W.A.A.F., Miss Elgie, Group Captain K. J. D. Dixon, Lieut. Colonel I. Rayner, Wing Commander B. A. Miller, and Mr. J. R. Luke of the "South China Morning Post."

Pilots of the aircraft, both stationed at Kai Tak, were Squadron Leader D. F. Redrup, D.F.C., who completed two operational tours with Coastal Command and came overseas in 1934, flying with the squadron when it was part of the Indian Ocean Air Force, and Flying Officer H. Pennington, another ex-Coastal Command pilot.

## Money Mart

The bottom fell out of Chinese national currency yesterday as wave after wave of selling overtook the market, forcing the price down to an all time low.

Overnight futures had dropped 10 points and in the course of the day it fell another 10 points, closing at HK\$2.41 to CN\$1,000, with sellers predominating.

Spot prices opened at \$2.72, seven points lower than the previous day, and dropped another five points during the day, closing at \$2.64.

Gold, on the other hand, opened strong at \$486 per tael, an advance of eight points, on the previous day, but it weakened in the afternoon and closed at \$471.

U.S. dollars, after the improvement of the last two days, were down to \$1.96. English Sterling and Australian pounds were unchanged at \$1.80 and \$1.50 respectively.

## WOMEN'S DAY

Women's Day, which is observed throughout China, was celebrated in Hong Kong yesterday with a meeting at the King's Theatre at 9.30 a.m., at which representatives from schools and women's organisations, numbering over 1,000 attended.

The meeting was presided over by Madame Chan Chak who, in addressing the gathering, dwelt upon women's place in modern society and stressed the important role which women can and are destined to play in the rebuilding of a new China, especially in the field of education and social reform.

## MR. THOMSON SAILS

Mr. J. D. Thomson, manager of the Dairy Farm Ice & Cold Storage Co., Ltd., sailed for Sydney, where he is to spend his leave with his family, in the s.s. "Fort Rosalie" yesterday.

During the Japanese occupation, Mr. Thomson was interned in Stanley, and since his release has been putting in long hours of work at the office which has been immeasurably helped by the company along the road to recovery.

## Eviction Order

An order was granted yesterday to Hon. Choi-fun, Jagdady, for the eviction of Mr. Mak, tenant of No. 38 Morrison Hill Road, first floor, by a Tenancy Tribunal comprising Messrs H. K. Lee (chairman), Kwok Chan and Chan Wai-yan.

Mr. Y. K. Kan, in making the application, said an eviction order had been previously obtained against two persons, Dick Kwok and Li Shu-pui. In the course of the previous hearing, however, it was found that another man named Mak was also in occupation, and this application became necessary.

No answer had been filed, Mr. Kan said, but if the Tribunal was satisfied with the affirmation of service, he would ask for order for eviction to be effective on the same date as the previous order, March 15.

Opponent failed to appear in Court and after formal evidence of service the application was granted.

## HOW "URANIA-SHIMA" WAS DISCOVERED

WHEN THE BRITISH DESTROYER "URANIA" RECENTLY WITNESSED THE FORMING OF A VOLCANIC ISLAND IN THE SEA, THE BLAZING PIER OF INCANDESCENT ROCKS WAS AT FIRST THOUGHT TO BE A BURNING SHIP. THE DESTROYER CLOSED TO WITHIN 300 YARDS DURING DARKNESS BEFORE THE MYSTERY WAS SOLVED AND THEN AD TO SPEED FULL ASTERN FOR THREE MILES TO CLEAR THE DANGER AREA.

H.M.S. Urania was en route to Tokyo from Hong Kong in a position east of Bayonaise Rocks when the Officer of the Watch reported that a burning ship had been sighted. As the object was approached, sheets of flame could be seen, with a solid column of thick black smoke rising into the air.

It was thought that a large tanker was on fire from how to sterner and the destroyer commenced to keep watch for survivors. Closing to within half a mile, the ship's searchlight was used to probe the windward end of the object, when it was instantly realised that they were really witnessing the work of Nature.

## TERRIFIC HEAT

The Lava Island was judged to be 300 yards long, 200 wide, 70 feet high. Every part of the formation appeared terrifically hot, the colour of the island varying from red at the water's edge to white in the centre.

The water in the immediate vicinity was boiling and at 300 yards range the heat felt on the ship was described as intense. In accordance with the usual Naval practice, a signal has been made to Admiralty, suggesting that the island should be named after the ship which made the discovery—Urania Shima.

## EXTORTION CHARGE

Charged with extortion of money, under colour of his office, as a fee for the issue of arms licences by him, Roy Isaac Fernandez appeared before Mr. W. H. Latimer yesterday.

Mr. M. A. de Silva, appearing for Fernandez, asked for bail, which an objection was raised by Mr. R. S. Smith, Crown Prosecutor.

Accused was remanded.

## ASSAULT CHARGE

John McKenzie, Chalmers, second cook, M.V. Empire Chalmers, was charged with assaulting the master of the boat, T. J. Taylor, at Subic Bay in the Philippine Islands, on board the vessel, on March 8, and occasioning him bodily harm.

Inspector Collins who prosecuted told the Court that Mr. Taylor, the complainant, was away at sea and asked for seven days' remand. Accused pleaded not guilty.

## HONG KONG JUNK FARES SOAR

PASSENGER FARE ON HONG KONG-MACAO MOTOR JUNKS HAS GONE UP 400 PER CENT, SINCE THE HARBOUR OFFICE REGULATION WAS ISSUED LIMITING THE NUMBER OF PASSENGERS WHICH THESE CRAFTS COULD CARRY TO TEN.

The fare now charged is \$20 a person, as against the old rate of \$5, and all tickets are invariably sold. The fare from Macao to Hong Kong is \$35 in Macao currency.

The s.s. "Criss," which normally carried over 200 passengers, left for Macao on her last trip without carrying any passengers.

The situation with regard to the Kongmoon run is about the same, though the increase is not so great. The fare now charged is \$25, which is about two to three times the old rate.

Junk owners and transportation companies complain that the restrictions not only impose hardship and financial loss on themselves but also considerable inconvenience on the travelling public, and they feel that until such time as adequate alternative travelling facilities are available (as, for instance, the operation of large river steamers) the present restrictions should at least be modified.

## ZBW PROGRAMME

To-night's "Quiz" Contest from Z.B.W. Hong Kong will be between teams representing the Air Headquarters Officers' Mess and 1331 Wing, R.A.F. Regiment. It is timed to start at 7.30 p.m., and will take the usual form of Trivia—Guessing a Spelling Bee, and General knowledge questions.

The usual Saturday-evening relay from the ENSA Star Theatre, Kowloon, will be from approximately 8.15 to 8.55 p.m. The two scenes of Act II of "Night Must Fall," now being played there by the Alexandra Repertory Company from Birmingham, will provide the Relay.

They provide a good cross-section of this gripping comedy, which is splendidly produced and acted.

Sunday's programmes will include the usual broadcast at 8.30 p.m. of Art Carnegie and his ENSA Hong Kong Orchestra; and the ninth "Z.B.W. Prom," to be given from 9.30 to 11 p.m., will provide a modern programme this week, as follows:

Stravinsky—"Don Juan," Tonesoon, Ireland—Sonata for Cello and Piano, Debussy—Two Arabesques for Piano, Ravel—Introduction and Allegro for Horn, Strings and Woodwind, Honegger—"Pastorale d'été," Tonesoon, Stravinsky—Ballet Suite, "The Fire-Bird," Frank—Suite for Two Clarinets.

Requests for the inclusion of specific items in the "Z.B.W. Proms" should be sent direct to the Programme Director, Z.B.W., 2nd Floor, Gloucester Building, and will invariably be met, whenever possible.

Persons prepared to enter teams for the weekly "Quiz" Contests are also requested to get into direct touch, preferably by letter, and with a telephone number mentioned, at which they can be contacted.

## GRAMOPHONE CONCERT

The chief item of the weekly Gramophone Concert which will be held at 8.30 to-morrow at the Catholic Centre, King's Building, will be the Piano Concerto by Arthur Bliss, composed for the American Exhibition of 1939, and acknowledged as one of the most remarkable compositions by a temporary English musician. The programme will also include items by Beethoven, Mozart, Wagner and Tchaikovsky.

The Commander-in-Chief, British Pacific Fleet, Admiral Lord Fraser, is to inspect the Royal Marine Band, at 11 o'clock this morning on Murray Parade Ground, opposite the Barracks.

## Readers' Letters

## A PROUD HORSE

Sir—I had not intended to write again to your paper, but I feel I must defend Nostalgia against his critics and detractors who have been so voracious of late. Because the old horse bravely entered the lists against the poetic "clever boys," he has come in for some abuse, and it seems to me that his previous outstanding career is in danger of being forgotten.

One of your correspondents has already mentioned that Nostalgia won the Derby. Have your readers also been told that he won the Grand Prix de Monaco in 1936 driving a British car, and that after taking his Law degree in 1938 he was awarded the Nobel Prize for the finest achievement towards the advancement of the animal race? Or that he was the first horse to swim the Channel? If not, let me place these facts on record now. Such a proud horse should surely be above the sarcasm of frustrated intellectuals.

Nostalgia may, I fear, be leaving the Colony shortly, as he is due for release with age and experience. He joined the service when he was 14. His post-war career is at the moment uncertain. His own big idea is to stand at stud at a very low fee. "I shall sire as many horses," he said to me with a wink, "that one or two are bound to be some good." Personally I think he would do better to take up professional snooker, of which game he is a superb exponent and with plenty of practice would I am sure be a formidable rival to Joe Davis.

JOE CLUTTERBUCK.

## TRIVIAL EMOTION

Sir—I read Mr. Hopkins' "come-back" with a certain satisfaction. To me it expressed an effective condemnation of all that it stands for, especially with its quotations—e.g., we are shown the dwarf emotion of a mendicant's grudge against his decadent superiors, a trivial emotion viewed by Auden as almost historically significant! Or again, a picture of arrogant aristocrats who no longer have a ruler class to serve. Why must these things be dignified and falsely magnified by poetry? These emotions have their place in art as existing in the scale of humanity; but only an artist with an unbalanced nerve would place them with the high-ranking emotions of the lordly, the aristocratic and the "profound."

(By the way, may I draw attention to a certain irony intended in my use of that nauseating phrase "The Era of the Common Man"? In view of this, perhaps I may appear more consistent to Mr. Hopkins.)

Eutaw has said "politics are hardly concerned with this discussion." But it seems, now, that this discussion is no longer concerned with anything else—let alone poetry!

The world seems to be divided into opposites, each side becoming more remote from achieving any understanding of the other. The sociological bogeyman on one side, I am trying to think of a succinct expression of the other. What about this (approximate) quotation from Nietzsche: "A nation is a means of Nature for producing six or seven great men."

Real artists, however, must remain apart from this conversation of ecstasies. It means that, in the souls of these men (and they must be men, men of great psychic stature) this conflict may be realised fully and profoundly, and above all guardedly, lest they become contemptibly identified with one or other of the antitheses, and emerge as mere functions of a class or idea.

Only thus will reconciliation ultimately be achieved, not I think in some "applied" ideology, but in the birth of new, great individuals of greater splendour and stature, who, as rulers will receive homage gladly given by the lesser individuals, precisely because of this greatness, this bright splendour—this inequality.

## OEDIPUS.

## THE SIN OF PESSIMISM

Sir—The manner in which the case of your correspondent "Pater" has been distorted and distorted and misrepresented by his opponents calls forth my sympathy. They do not seem to have tried to understand his point of view, but asked the "opportunity" to induce, like Peter Pan, in cock-crow of bride at their and their generation's having won the war. The extent to which their language and ideas amply, of official propaganda suggests to me that the mentality of these modern representatives of youth partakes of that of the despised, parrot-like race of youths they are so proud to have vanquished. Still I am a youth and a soldier and do not wish to condemn too much.

I agree with "Pater" that my generation is indulging in an almost unprecedented orgy of pleasure-seeking, and that what he considers (and I consider) to be the serious thing in life are unappreciatedly despised. Let not "Belletrist" invent the flagrant suggestion to his soul that it were "fun" or "sense" of

humour. Let him clarify his conceptions. There are degrees of pleasure, according to the level of mentality of those who indulge in it. Fun is distinct from utter nonsense, humour from insanity, levity from imbecility and even over-indulgence from animality. Our generation always tends towards the latter qualities in each case.

The disease is too profound to be explained as "the relaxation of spring-taut nerves." Religious belief has decayed and with it the validity of our moral standards. The "rational" outlook has destroyed the imagination necessary for artistic appreciation. Philosophy has been displaced by the facile, simple mechanistic outlook of science. We scorn the wisdom of preceding generations. In the spiritual wilderness sensation and thrill and violent emotion take the place of simple feelings and pure passions. Jazz, sensational press, the yellow book, promiscuity, the sentimental film, flourish.

Pessimism is a sin in our generation; but can someone show me where to begin to be optimistic.

ANOTHER YOUTH.

## EULOGISING A.R.P.

Sir—There is a trite old axiom that a General is useless without soldiers and likewise an army without correct leadership is also useless. I use this to illustrate my contention that in the defence of any city the men at the front are as dependent upon the men within the city as the latter are upon the former. We have heard a lot of the valour and gallant actions fought by our service men and our volunteers but do we for a moment consider that these fighting men were also very much dependent upon the essential service workers whose occupations were to supply the front line men with their food and ammunition as well as to keep law and order within the city?

Take the A.R.P. men for example. These men were top-notchers in maintaining the Colony in dark-out. They helped in the transportation of ammunition and food to the front lines. They did innumerable services which being known to everybody obviously it will not be necessary for me to enumerate. Many of them succumbed to enemy bombardment. Many lost their lives through various hazards while the volunteers were facing a uniformed enemy as man to man. In uniform, the men of the A.R.P. were out in the streets without any light and meeting all sorts of treacherous as at one time would have seemed that every other man one needs was a fifth columnist. This perhaps explains for the reason why quite a number of A.R.P. men were either killed, wounded or have been found missing and given up as lost. This certainly elucidates my contention that the A.R.P. men, had as much hazards if not more than those actually fighting at the front lines.

The men of the A.R.P. were organized by a group of leading English, Chinese and Portuguese people and others and after very assiduous training under the leaders who sacrificed a great part of their leisure time they were found to have been a capable of assisting actively in the defence of the Colony and were then mobilized by Proclamation of the Government and taken as part of the fighting services of the Colony. Upon the surrender in 1941 the men were not demobilised but merely disbanded and under those British had returned under those men would have considered them as being under Mobilisation still. Mobilisation and which they now still feel that they have not yet been demobilised. Furthermore, they are naturally somewhat reticent that whereas so much financial favours and honours have been lavished upon the volunteers, nothing appears to have been done for the men who have been so valiantly and faithfully served, and in this connection, would it be taking too much liberty to reach those concerned through the medium of your valued columns to ascertain whether government officials might not have unintentionally overlooked possibly through oversight of work the suitable recognition due to these men and naturally some backpay they are entitled to commensurate with their services rendered, so that inasmuch as the volunteers had been so suitably recognized and rewarded the men of the A.R.P. should not feel that they have been left in the cold.

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**GIANT LINER**  
London, March 7.  
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**Full Story  
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From H. K.**

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as a present for the help you gave to Capt. Holmes when he was with you, and to me in all my work. I am also informed that the Military Attaché in Chungking will be sending a letter to state that these gifts have actually come from the Field-Marshal. I will forward this as soon as I receive it.

"You will realise that my first letter (above), written before the arrival of his gift, in so far as it mentioned the Field-Marshal, was by no means an idle statement, and that amongst his many important tasks he will find time to devote to the Waichow front. This area and all British troops in China are under the command of Field-Marshal Wavell and I only hope that we can justify the interest he has taken in us.

"I have also received a word of encouragement and I hope we shall both be able to show our appreciation by giving him all the help we can to make his onerous task a little easier and more successful."

But to give help to the Anti-Japanese Guerillas of the East River Column in the eyes of Kuomintang reactionaries was and is a sin and should be unreservedly isolated from outside support and had to struggle with our own patriotic people. Here Major Holmes expressed the same feeling. In his letter dated 24th May, 43 he said:-

"As I am sure you know, I myself appreciate to the full the value of the work you are doing in such difficult circumstances, and I sincerely hope that this work will not be hampered by lack of support or resources; but at the same time political circumstances which I am sure you understand make it impossible to make a contribution as such to your funds."

Nevertheless, we had stood firmly before the enemy, growing stronger in strength and in influence day by day. Our blows given to the enemy became more and more heavy until the Japanese surrendered, when we were the first troops to march into the streets of Kowloon. Order and peace were well maintained in Kowloon and the New Territories by us during this transitional period, before the British forces returned. People of several areas of the New Territories had published their thanks-giving letters to our Column in local Chinese papers. We had also maintained cordial co-operation with the British Authorities after return and we evacuated from Hong Kong, Kowloon and the New Territories after our issued of the Proclamation of Withdrawal to the people of Hong Kong on 28th Sept., 1945.

**U.S. Backs Italy  
In Bolzano Dispute**

LONDON, MAR. 7.  
THE UNITED STATES RELIABLY REPORTED YESTERDAY TO HAVE THROWN ITS SUPPORT TO ITALY AGAINST AN AUSTRIAN CLAIM ON THE SOUTH TYROLEAN PROVINCE OF BOLZANO.

**Rail Strike  
Threat**

Washington, March 8.  
With the walkout of telephone workers averted, the Government was expected yesterday to intervene to delay a threatened nationwide strike of railroad workers, scheduled to begin on Monday.

The presidents of two big rail unions did not predict whether the presidential appointment of an emergency board to consider the strike. The Railway Labour Act provides such procedure.

At the Union Headquarters in Cleveland however, officials went ahead with detailed preparations for a walkout. The plan calls for halting service on 112 railroads on Monday, 25 on Tuesday, 91 on Wednesday and 96 on Thursday.

The Trainmen's Union president, however, said "Any action taken by the Government would be considered."

Negotiations in the General Motors strike remained deadlocked as the Detroit City Council appealed to President Truman to intervene in an attempt to end the stoppage.

Approximately 800,000 remained idle yesterday because of labour disputes.—Associated Press.

**MANCHURIA KEEPS  
C.E.C. BUSY**

CHUNGKING, MAR. 7.  
MANCHURIA IS FIGURING LARGE AT THE CURRENT PLENARY SESSION OF THE CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE KUOMINTANG, AND FROM ACCOUNTS GIVEN BY SOME OF THE DELEGATES. THE DEBATES HAVE BEEN HEATED.

MANCHURIA WAS DISCUSSED FOR THE PAST TWO DAYS AND WAS EXPECTED TO BE THE MAIN TOPIC AGAIN TO-DAY. DURING YESTERDAY'S DISCUSSION SEVERAL DELEGATES CONDEMNED FOREIGN MINISTER WANG SHIH-CHIEH FOR HIS "SECRET DIPLOMACY" OVER MANCHURIA. THEY BERATED RUSSIA FOR HER REMOVAL OF INDUSTRIAL EQUIPMENT FROM MANCHURIA AND DEMANDED THAT CHINA ADOPT A FIRM POLICY.

Some delegates—possibly more to embarrass the Government than out of any desire to offer practical solutions—even advocated use of force.

Wang Shih Chieh tried to mollify his critics by promising that the Government would seek respect for the Sino-Soviet treaty and would not make any concessions involving infringement of Chinese sovereignty.

Chinese Communists also came in for some bitter criticism during the past six days of the session, which now is expected to last until at least March 12 instead of March 9, as at first believed.

**WANG ATTACKED**

In the first few days of the session a number of delegates argued against acceptance of the agreement reached at the recent Political Consultative Conference, which, when implemented, will give the Chinese Communists a definite voice in the administration of China and place them in position to fight politically for domination of the country.

The delegates in question advocated dismissal of several high officials, including Wang Shih Chieh, who they charged had been "too conciliatory" towards other parties.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek

**YOIZUKI CASE**

Canberra, March 8.  
The Australian Government refused yesterday to recall the Japanese ship "Yoizuki" as telegrams poured in protesting inclusion of 100 Formosan women and numerous children on the passenger list of the terribly overcrowded ship.

The ship is carrying almost three times its normal capacity. The passengers are returning to their homes in the Netherlands Indies, the Philippines and other islands north of Australia.

An Australian army spokesman said the ship was being carried out in accordance with schedules laid down by General MacArthur.—Associated Press.

**BRIDGE  
NOTES**

To-day's crime hand shouldn't stump any bridge detective very long!

North, Dealer  
Neither side vulnerable  
B. A.  
H. A 9 7 6 3  
D. A Q J 4  
C. A 6 4  
S. Q 9 8 2  
H. K 10 4  
D. K 10 8  
C. J 10 5 2  
S. 9 8 3  
N  
W  
E  
S  
B. J 10 7 6 4 3  
H. 5  
D. 9 8 2  
C. K Q 7

The bidding:  
North 1H.  
East 1S.  
South 2S.  
West 2S.  
2NT  
3NT  
4S.  
Pass  
Pass  
Pass  
Pass  
Pass  
Pass  
Pass  
Pass

West opened the six of diamonds, dummy finessed, and East won with the King. East's trump return rode to dummy's Ace and a club put South in to lead the Jack of spades. West took the spade King and returned the club Jack. South winning with the Queen of clubs. South then led a low trump, but found that he had lost three trump tricks in addition to the diamond King.

Somewhere or other a bridge crime has taken place—practically under your noses! See if you can discover it for yourself before you read on.

South was the criminal, and his crime was leading the Jack of spades on the second round of that suit. Correct play to this type of trump suit demands a low lead on the second round. If the suit splits 3-3, nothing is lost by the low lead. If the suit splits 4-2 the only chance to limit the loss to two trump tricks is that the low lead will take out a trump honour. Then the other honour can be forced out by the lead of the Jack on the third round of the suit. Note that a 4-2 split with both honours in the long hand leaves South in a hopeless situation, since he cannot prevent the loss of three trump tricks.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable you held:

B. A Q 9 6 2  
H. 7 2  
D. Q J 4  
C. A K

The bidding:  
You 1S.  
Jacoby 1S.  
Schenken 2H.  
Mator 2H.  
Pass  
Pass  
Pass  
Pass  
Pass  
Pass  
Pass  
Pass

ANSWER: Bid three spades. You have a strong enough hand to be reasonably confident of making a game. The spade suit is strong enough, moreover, to take care of itself even if your partner has only a small singleton.

Score 100 per cent for three spades, 60 per cent for two no-trump, 50 per cent for three no-trump.

**QUESTION**

To-day you are David Bruce Burnstone's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

B. A Q 10 5 3  
H. 7  
D. Q J 4  
C. A K 9 2

The bidding:  
You 1S.  
Jacoby 1S.  
Burnstone 2H.  
Schenken 2H.  
Pass  
Pass  
Pass  
Pass  
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Pass  
Pass  
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attend.

R. D. GILLESPIE,  
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H. S. ROUSE,  
Colonel C.A. (Works)

NOTE:  
The attention of all members  
of the Public is again directed  
to the above notification which  
was first published on 11.11.45.

**Pessimistic Outlook Of  
Canton Businessmen**

CANTON, MAR. 8.  
BUSINESS MEN IN CANTON ARE PESSIMISTIC OVER THE FUTURE, AS THEY FACE MORE DIFFICULTIES IMPOSED UPON THEM BY THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT.

Hit hardest are the import and export businesses under the ruling that no currency can be sent out of the country. Even

were shipping and railroad facilities more convenient, the ban on the export of money, even through bank accounts or money orders, is sufficient to stop any possibility of relieving the acute shortage situation.

Goods bought here from Hong Kong, closest port to Canton, must be paid for in Canton, and vice versa. As Canton has most of its local merchants with small capital, this ruling imposes severe difficulties. Even money carried on the person is limited to certain amounts.

The duties charged on certain commodities coming from other ports are tending to add to the high prices. But in Canton there is hardly anything that

**MUCH DISSATISFACTION**

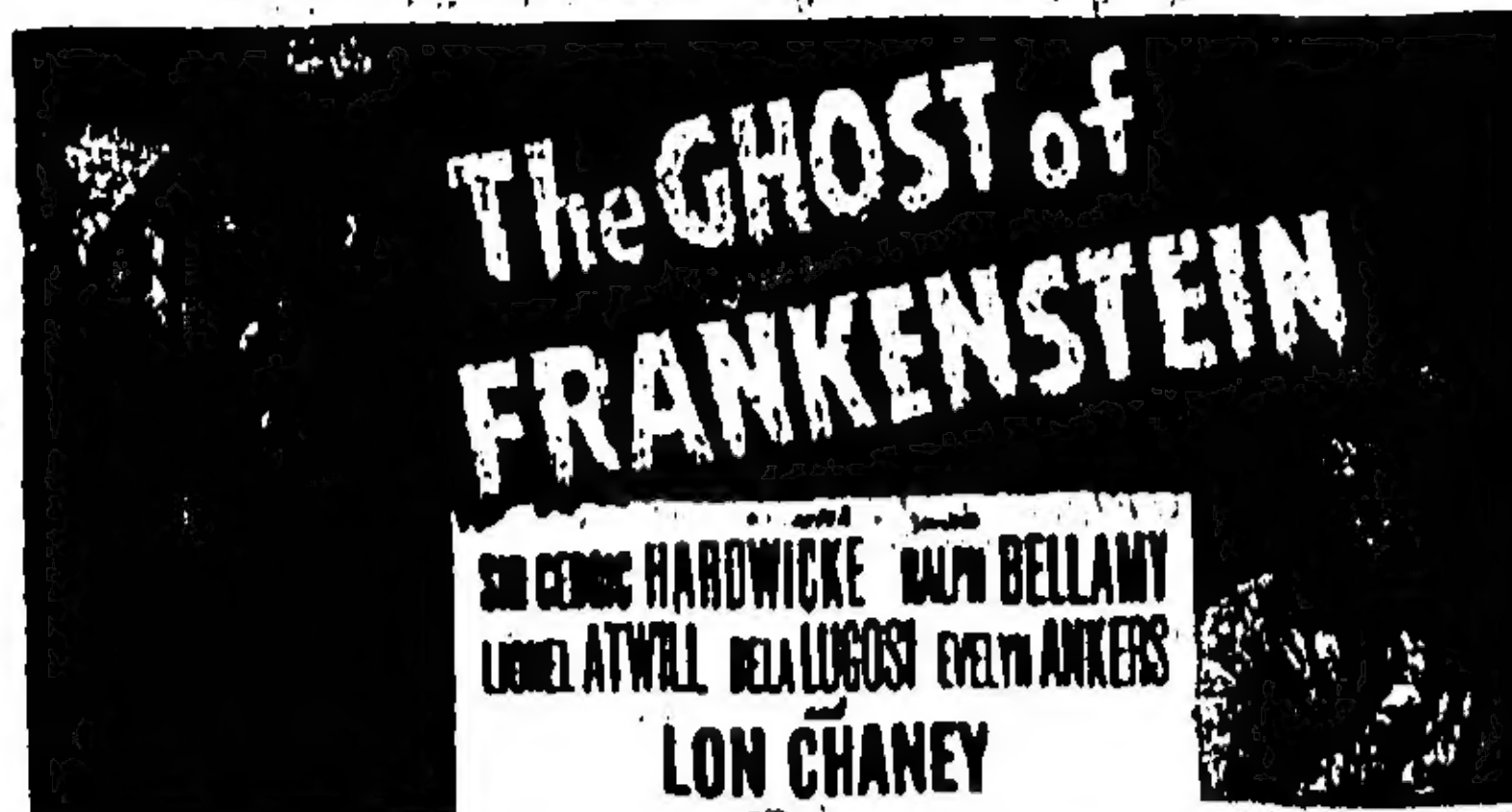
There have been rumours that only ships flying Chinese flags may enter the port of Canton, but so far, they seem only rumours. However, it is necessary to apply for navigation licences from the Canton Authorities.

All means of transportation to other ports, especially Hong Kong, seem to be well taken up by troop transportation, and shipping is tied up by the many shipments of C.N.R.A. goods. Dissatisfaction is voiced freely that the Military Government has not allowed business men free reign to attempt to re-

lieve the situation with the loss of goods, but has imposed restrictions instead.—Associated Press.



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BUSINESS HOURS . . . 8 A.M.—10 P.M.

London, Mar. 7.  
Rotherham United were eliminated by Bradford City from the League III North-East Region Cup to-day.  
Playing at home Rotherham lost by two goals to four—Reuter.

Dublin, Mar. 8.  
John Cardinal Glenn, age 83, of St. Louis has developed a slight congestion of the lungs, his physicians announced. He stopped here en route home from Rome—Associated Press.

## Woman In Tears

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in all but was tortured only on the first occasion.  
He was detained a total of 49 days after which he was told to quit Cell No. 2 and returned home.

**SENTENCED TO DEATH**  
The next witness was Chan Wai-fan, 30, residing at 37, San Lok Road, 1st floor, Tsing-shan. Witness said that in February, 1942, he joined the B.A.A.G. and was employed in intelligence work.

On June 8, 1944, a Japanese called Shium Chi arrested him in a workshop. He was taken to the Yau-mai Gendarmierie where he was identified by a man named Chan King. He was hung up, whipped and given the water torture. Tsui Kwok-ching and, later, So Leung, took part in this.

Witness said he did not remember on how many occasions he was tortured but he finally confessed to being a spy and was taken before a Japanese Court Martial on August 15, 1944. On Nov. 25 he was sentenced to death, but the sentence was commuted to life imprisonment on Dec. 8. He was released from Stanley Prison following news of the Japanese surrender on August 23, 1945.

**WOMAN TORTURED**  
Chung Suet Hing said that during the Japanese occupation she dealt in second-hand clothing and traded between Hong Kong and the interior of China.

"In 1943 I went to Waichow. I helped William Chan in his work while I dealt in second-hand clothing. According to William Chan he was working with the B.A.A.G. He asked me to bring Chinese and English newspapers to him from Hong Kong when I came with second-hand clothing. I did so.  
"On June 8, 1944, I was arrested at my home in the middle of the night while I was still in bed. I was arrested by Sai Tim and an interpreter named Chung. I did not know who Sai Tim was. I was taken to the building at Yau-mai known to the Japanese as Lau Tse-chen. This is where the Kowloon Magistracy is.

**TWO MONTHS IN CELL**  
"I was put in a cell and detained there for over two months. I was often interrogated while I was there. On the first occasion Sai Tim and the interpreter Chung subjected me to the torture known as the flying aeroplane until I lost consciousness. I did not know what happened to me after this.

Mr. Smith: Did they tell you why they did this? They asked me what I had done and I admitted the carriage of newspapers.

Continuing, witness said: "When I denied other activities I was charged with, they subjected me to torture. I was beaten with the hands and I was suspended in the air. In this position they pulled at my legs.

"The next day Sai Tim and the interpreter beat me with a thick bamboo pole until I lost consciousness. Before this they again asked me what I had done and after I recovered they again asked me and when they could get no information they put me back in my cell.

"On a third occasion I was again beaten. I was given the water torture by So Leung and Chung and another man whom I don't know. I was given the water torture So Leung asked me 'Why do you help Chiang Kai-shek and the British instead of Wang Ching-wei?'

**TORTURE REDOUBLED**  
"I asked him not to give me so much water and he said: 'I will give you more and when you have a chance of having me arrested on winning the war you will subject me to similar treatment.'

In reply to Mr. Smith witness said it was true that she begged So Leung not to continue with the water torture but the response to her appeals was the insistence of her torturers in giving her more water, and that instead of mercy she got redoubled torture.

On the fourth day Tsui Kwok-ching and a man referred to as the one in authority subjected her to the flying aeroplane torture. This man beat her savagely. He was a Japanese and was called Xee Chee.

Here witness was in tears and was sobbing.  
Mr. Smith to the interpreter: Tell witness I am very sorry to distress her like this but it is necessary.

**PARTIAL CONFESSION**  
Continuing, witness said: "I was hung with my arms tied and I lost consciousness. When I revived I felt pain all over my body and was unable to move my limbs. I had to be taken back to my cell.

On three occasions, I do not remember how many. They were not all present on every occasion. So Leung actually gave me the

water torture on one occasion. On three other occasions I was not tortured but mere evidence was taken.

"First accused" also took part and so did second accused.  
"I eventually made a confession but only about carrying newspapers. After that I was not let free. I was locked up. I was also later beaten by Chui Chee and Chung.

"All tortured and beat me as if I was their enemy, and without mercy.  
"From Kowloon I was taken to Stanley. I was kept in prison and on Nov. 26, 1944, I was condemned to death by beheading.

"On Dec. 8, 1944, my sentence was commuted to one of life imprisonment and I was released in August, 1945 after the peace.  
On Feb. 16, 1946 at Stanley she identified the two accused.

The Court was adjourned till Monday at 2.30 p.m. The afternoon of next week have been reserved for the continued hearings.

## FAMINE IN HUNAN

Chungking, Mar. 8.  
Famine conditions in Hunan province, ricebowl of China, where battles were fought during the Sino-Japanese war, are reported to have become worse.  
Over four million persons are facing starvation and already thousands of persons are reported to have died of hunger and disease.

In Hengyang, rail junction city, where Americans once had an air base, 90,000 persons are said to have died through disease in the past three months. Famine and disease have followed in the wake of war in which Japanese are estimated to have killed about 130,000 civilians and wounded 120,000 others in Hengyang alone—Associated Press.

## "SCRAP IRON"

Arrested while carrying a small weighing machine in the street, a 30-year-old unemployed, Li Lau, was charged before Mr. O. Y. Kwan at the Summary Military Court yesterday with having stolen the machine from No. 30 Morrison Hill Road.

The machine belonged to a woman, Pun On-nel, and was valued at \$100.  
Defendant was carrying the machine when stopped by a Chinese detective, Lai Shiu. When questioned defendant said it was scrap iron which he had picked up.

Defendant, who pleaded not guilty, claimed that he was asked to carry the machine by a man who came down from the house. He was paid \$5 for his work.  
Sentence of two months' hard labour was imposed.

## CHARTERED BANK'S ANNUAL MEETING

The Chartered Bank of India, Australia & China announced that it will be necessary this year to convene the Annual General Meeting rather later than usual. The difficulties surrounding the re-opening of the Branches which were in Japanese occupation and the condition in which the records were found have caused a natural delay in the preparation of the final accounts.

In the meantime the Court of Directors have declared a further Interim Dividend at the rate of five per cent per annum subject to Income Tax for the six months ending 31st December 1942 (actual two and half per cent) but it is not the intention of the Court of Directors to propose any further dividend for that period. The dividend will be payable on and after 3rd April, 1943. The Transfer Books will be closed from Monday 11th March to Wednesday the 20th March both days inclusive.

## OBSTRUCTED POLICE

John Charles Stoppa of the Harbour Office was charged before Mr. W. H. Latimer yesterday with obstructing the police in the lawful discharge of their duty between noon and 4 p.m. on Feb. 28. Mr. R. B. Smith was in charge of the prosecution.  
The case was remanded three days for further investigations. Bail was fixed at \$500.

## YACHT CLUB LAUNCH

A Yacht Club launch runs from Flagstaff steps, dockyard, calling at Queen's Pier to Kellet Island at 1.30 and 4.30 p.m. daily and on Sundays an additional boat is run at 11.30 a.m. People using this earlier boat should bring picnic lunches.

London, Mar. 7.  
In the semi-final of the Hospital Rugby Cup Guv beat Middlesex Hospital by seven points to six—Reuter.

## Week-end Soccer

The Second Round games of the football Shield Competition will be played this week-end and several new teams will be on view.

The best game will probably be this afternoon when '42' B.M. Commandos meet Royal Air Force. Both these teams are still in the running for League honours. In the morning in the League early in the season, Commandos won by 6-1. Since then Commandos have lost several of their good players while Royal Air Force have improved considerably.

The Navy Derby should also be interesting. Navy 'B', who have so far done well in the League are the favourites but Navy 'A' can also field a strong side.

Tomorrow, R.A.S.C. meet No. 1 Commando in the first game. Service Corps beat Civil Affairs in the first round as the result of a last minute penalty. No. 1 Commandos have not played in the League and their strength is unknown.  
Another unknown quantity is No. 5 Commandos who meet Eastern, potential League Champions. Eastern are not taking any chances and are fielding their best side.

The following is the week-end programme:—

**TO-DAY**  
Navy 'A' v. Navy 'B' (Navy ground, at 2.30 p.m.)  
Referee:—Cpl. R. Leigh.  
Linesmen:—Cpl. Hawker and Mr. Barretto.  
44 R.M. Cdo. v. R.A.F. (Navy ground, at 4 p.m.)  
Referee:—Mr. K. K. Ip.  
Linesmen:—Sgt. Thorne and Mr. A. E. P. Guest.

**TO-MORROW**  
No. 1 Cdo. v. 781 Coy. R.A.S.C. (Navy ground, at 2.30 p.m.)  
Referee:—Mr. A. McCorkindale.  
Linesmen:—L/S. D. Sparrow and Sgt. Cherrie.  
No. 5 Cdo. v. Eastern (Navy ground, at 4 p.m.)  
Referee:—C.P.O. J. Rogers.  
Linesmen:—Sgt. Pollitt and P.O. C. Taylor.

## THE TEAMS

R.A.S.C. (from the following):—Peters, Merrin, McMahon, Davis, Witham, Hern, Greater, Wiggins, Flaherty, Orr, Bunning, Brown, Cave and Buller.  
No. 1 Commandos:—Doughty, Gray and Jones, Ingles, Rudrick, Tanner, Nevans, Stead, Wilson, Savage and Perry.

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TO-DAY ONLY  
At 2.30, 5.00, 7.30 & 9.00 p.m.  
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